

HB 1460 - H AMD 53

By Representative Ericksen

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1 On page 3, at the beginning of line 17, strike all material
2 through "limits" on line 18 and insert "in the most populous county in
3 the state that are located within five miles of a nursing home
4 licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW. Prior to establishing any swing
5 beds under this subsection, a critical access hospital shall enter
6 into a memorandum of understanding with each nursing home located
7 within five miles of the hospital that commits both the hospital and
8 the nursing home to actions that strengthen and sustain each facility
9 in support of individuals served by both facilities"
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EFFECT: Eliminates the certificate of need exemption for up to 25 swing beds for hospitals that have no nursing home within the same town or city limits. Instead, provides a certificate of need exemption for up to 25 swing beds for a critical access hospital in the most populous county in the state that is located within five miles of a nursing home. Prior to establishing any swing beds under this exemption, the hospital must enter into a memorandum of understanding with the nursing home that commits both the hospital and the nursing home to actions that strengthen and sustain each facility in support of individuals served by both facilities.

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